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## 2010 Year in REVIEW

*Story of the year*

### Minden Hills Vision team swept Minden

By Jerry Grozelle

A hush came over the crowd as the numbers were fed into the computer and projected onto the screen in the Minden Hills council chamber. As the numbers were entered it became clear that there would be some changes.

The Vision 2010 team did something right. All four were elected to Minden Hills council in decisive manner. Barb Reid unseated incumbent Reeve Jim McMahon by just over 300 votes at 2,693 to 2,381. "I'm very pleased with the results," Reid said. It was a very different strategy for Minden Hills to come to this election with a team of people. We had to do something very different to get noticed, and we did. I think it's an endorsement from the people of Minden Hills. This is the result of hundreds and hundreds of hours work.

Jim McMahon said it's not over yet. It was a hard fought race," he said. "I'll likely request a recount. Three hundred votes isn't much to lose by. I feel that the locals let me down."

He said they seemed to forget everything he has done for Lutterworth and Minden Hills over the past 22 years.

Larry Clarke won the Councillor at large position by more than 1300 votes over Ed Litwin.

"It was very interesting and a lot of hard work," Clarke said. "I enjoyed talking to the people and hearing their concerns. Ed is a very classy guy and we were running on very different skill sets." He said his economics point of view was the difference. "We have a lot of work going forward. I enjoyed the process. I met a lot of good people and heard some good ideas."

The Ward 1 race, with five candidates running for two seats, saw incumbent Lisa Schell win back her seat with 1,748 votes. Brigitte Gall took the second seat with 1,194. Bill Robinson was a close third with 1,071. Murray King finished with 445 and Abbey Xerri had 283.

"I'm looking forward to the next four years," said Lisa Schell. "It's going to be interesting."

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**Minden brings out the band for New Years:** The Minden Marching Band is warming up to lead the torch parade at Friday night's New Year's Eve celebration in downtown Minden. The annual event features a skating party, wagon rides, tobogganing all starting at 5:30 p.m. and the parade leaves the Village Green at 7:30. Minden Hills Parks and Recreation Director Rick Cox got in a bit of band practice on Tuesday with front, Janelle Lane, left, Alyssa Denyer and right, Emma Cox.

## April 2010

### Devolin Announced \$1.1 Million Grant for Haliburton Streetscape Plan

By Stephen Patrick

Haliburton's federal MP Barry Devolin announced a grant of over a million dollars this week to construct a new streetscape in Haliburton Village. "This announcement is the result of many months of hard work, research and development put forward by Haliburton's downtown business owners, many volunteers, and the staff and elected officials of the Municipality of Dysart," said Devolin, in a press release.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey commented that, "This will put people to work; it's going to create the environment that our local businesses need to succeed. We've got to keep downtown Haliburton as a year-round place to be and this project will move us in that direction. Over a million dollars will be invested right away, right here in Haliburton." The federal grant represents approximately two thirds of the total

cost: the remaining third, around \$600,000, will be picked up by Dysart et al.

Fearrey pointed out that the grant will allow the municipality to complete the first two phases of the project, the Cenotaph and York Street this fiscal year. The project must be completed by March 2011, although as Fearrey points out, "We can't do this kind of construction after November 1st, so we're going to press forward with tenders as soon as possible. We'll need the cooperation of businesses as well when construction gets going, which will probably be in August."

Almost three years ago Dysart et al Council commissioned Brian Basterfield Associates, a Peterborough Landscape Architects' firm, to create a new streetscape plan for Haliburton's York and Highland Streets. "I wanted to flesh out the opportunities that existed, rather than to make whole scale changes," said Basterfield at a public unveiling last September.

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# 2010

## Year in

# REVIEW

### Improvements wanted... not necessarily change

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ber of his vision for the village's future. "In other words, we don't want change, necessarily, but rather improvements."

A committee consisting of Reeve Murray Fearrey, Councilors Andrea Roberts and Derek Holmes, Roads Superintendent Brian Nicholson and Dysart CAO Tammy McElvey worked with Basterfield and his firm, and were uniformly pleased with the result. "I think this plan will make a huge difference to the village," said Andrea Roberts.

Basterfield's plan sees at least two major changes: first, the cenotaph area, now almost enclosed and lost behind a stone fence, would be opened out to become a more integral part of Highland Street, and levelled off to provide a commanding vista over Head Lake. Second, York Street would be radically altered to include more green space, a different parking configuration (and to reconfigure the current insane right-angled spaces in front of the Rail's End Gallery and the 4C's building). Following on the success of the Rails End's new gardens and entrances created this past summer, Basterfield envisions a "much more people friendly space, with proper sidewalks, lots of trees, and generally much more useable and attractive public space. The addition of the new Library really demands that the whole street be re-examined and re-defined, and we've tried to do that keeping in mind that it's always going to be major car and truck route through the village."

As well Basterfield submitted some micro-designs as well for hanging baskets, litter containers, and street lamps, and Reeve Fearrey hopes that this portion of the plan can be realized soon.



The York Street reconstruction wrapped up in late November.



Outgoing Reeve Jim McMahon shook hands with Reeve-elect Barb Reid on election night in October.

### Team excited and pleased with win

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"Wow," said Brigitte Gall, who was obviously overwhelmed by the whole process. "We'll see how this goes. I hope we can all work together for some positive change."

The Ward 2 seat was not even close, with Ken Redpath winning by a large margin. He finished with 1,039 votes. Richard Bradley had 244 and Craig Birchall had 195.

"I'm very pleased that the entire Vision 2010 was elected. I think as a group we have the skills to make some positive changes," Redpath said. "I'm very excited and pleased to

have won."

Jean Neville will represent Ward 3. She had 552 votes to Michelle Moore's 230.

The choice for Board of Education trustee in Minden Hills was Gary Brohman. He received 2,543 votes. Valerie Smith garnered 1,947 votes.

Most of the winning candidates gathered at the Dominion Hotel after the count was finalized to have a celebratory libation with well wishers.

### Duchene was a breath away from NHL prize

By Terrance Gavan

Last Saturday, shortly after he chopped the ribbon to open McKecks Blue Line Hall of Fame room Matthew Duchene was asked to speculate on this year's Calder Cup sweepstakes. Kind of an unfair question, considering, Duchene was one of the three nominees. But, compliant as always, Duchene agreed to play along.

Duchene picked Tyler Myers, the Buffalo Sabres high steppin' blue liner, to win the Rookie of the Year Award at the annual NHL awards held last Wednesday in Las Vegas. And much to the chagrin of a large number of Highlanders, Duchene got it right.

According to Canadian Press, Myers was one of four rookies to play all 82 games. He led the Sabres and all rookies by logging nearly 24 minutes of ice time per game. He was also first among rookies with 137 blocked shots, and third with 48 points.

Duchene, the No. 3 pick in the 2009 draft, led NHL rookies in scoring with 55 points. His 24 goals in 81 games matched

the scoring total of the New York Islanders' John Tavares, who was chosen first overall.

The 18-year-old Duchene was second among rookies in assists. Detroit goaltender Jimmy Howard, the other Calder contender went 37-15-10 with a 2.26 goals-against average for the Red Wings.

The whole Duchene clan, including dad, Vince, mom, Chris and sister Jessica took in the star-studded show, hosted by comedian Jay Mohr. Denver Post Avalanche beat writer Adrian Dater was right on script with Duchene and also predicted that Myers would win the rookie award. Dater also remarked on Duchene's level of fitness.

"He looks bigger in his upper body, and was pleased that I noticed," writes Dater. "He said he doesn't weigh any more than he did, though, but there is definitely more muscle on the arms and shoulders, etc. One other tidbit, in advance of the story: He'll live another year in Adam Foote's basement."

Duchene notched 24 goals and 31 assist for 55 points in 81 games.

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## Chamber members, time to vote

Nominees named in Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce awards

By Mark Arike

This year, members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce will have the final say.

For the first time in the history of the organization's annual business and community achievement awards, peers of those nominated are making their picks through an online ballot distributed by the chamber.

"From what I understand, it was mentioned by a noticeable amount of people that thought it would be nice if voting was done by peers instead of a selection committee," said interim chamber manager Dennis Casey.

Each year, the chamber has asked for nominations from the public for a number of categories that include businesses, not-for-profits and individuals. Once received, the nominations were reviewed by a selection committee, who then picked the winners. This year, all is the same, except for the fact that the final decisions are up to the members.

The online ballots were sent to chambers members (one eligible vote per member) this week, and many have already been submitted.

"We have about 60 votes right now," said Casey on Monday.

This year's awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15 at the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre. With the purchase of a \$70 ticket, guests will be able to take in dinner, entertainment and the awards ceremony.

"I'm looking forward to it," said Casey, pointing out that it should be an interesting

time, especially with the chamber celebrating its 75th anniversary.

The night will feature entertainment by local performer Bethany Houghton.

To reserve your ticket call the chamber office at 705-286-1760. And the nominees are:

**Small Business of the Year:** Moon Shadows Estate Winery; Parker Pad & Printing Ltd.; Roberts-Austin Fuels; Subway Minden & Haliburton; Wintergreen **Large Business of the Year:** Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Preserve; Pinestone Resort Conference Centre and Golf Course; **New Businesses of the Year:** Aniz; Molly's Bistro Bakery; The Mulligan Club **Not for Profit Business of the Year:** Community Care Haliburton; Haliburton County Public Library; Haliburton County Snowmobile Association; SIRCH; **Young Entrepreneur of the Year:** Haliburton Language School - Karra Wesley; The Mulligan Club - Wayde Greer; WAI Products - Brandi Hewson; Why Not Collect It - Sandi McElwain **Customer Service of the Year:** Cordell Carpet; Pharmasave; Sears Minden **Skilled Trades Award:** Cottage Hill Furniture; G.J. Burch Construction; Kathy Carey Fitness; Walker Heating Cooling **Innovation and Creativity Business Award:** ECS Environmental Concrete Systems and Haliburton Crane Rental; Heat-Line Freeze Protection Systems; Portabell; Portico Timber Frames Inc.; Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort; Yours Outdoors **Highlander of the Year:** Aggie Tose; Barb Bolin; Don Popple; Janis Parker; Jim Frost; Keith Burns; Maarten Steinkamp; Scottie Morrison ■

## \$1,500 fine for baiting and duck hunting offences

Three Durham Region men have been fined for putting out bait for ducks during a prohibited period and hunting ducks at an illegally baited pond.

Boyd Mills of Bowmanville and Chad Mills of Oshawa both pleaded guilty to depositing bait within 14 days of the open season for waterfowl. Boyd Mills was fined \$1,500 and Chad Mills received a suspended sentence.

Darren Mills of Bowmanville pleaded guilty to hunting waterfowl within 400 metres of a baited area. He received a suspended sentence.

All three are prohibited from hunting migratory game birds for one year.

The court heard that on September 25, 2010, a Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer and an Ontario Provincial Police officer visited a hunt camp located southeast of Bancroft near Skottamatta Lake. It was the opening day of the waterfowl hunting season in Ontario's southern region.

The three men were found hunting waterfowl at two ponds near the camp. An investigation determined that Boyd Mills and Chad Mills had placed corn in two ponds

within 14 days of the open season for waterfowl. The officers also determined that Darren Mills was hunting within 400 metres of an area that had been baited with corn.

Justice of the Peace Donna Doelman heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Nanawau, on December 15, 2010.

It is illegal to hunt waterfowl within 400 metres of a place where bait has been deposited. Hunters also may not put out bait within 14 days of the open season for waterfowl in an area where they intend to hunt.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). ■

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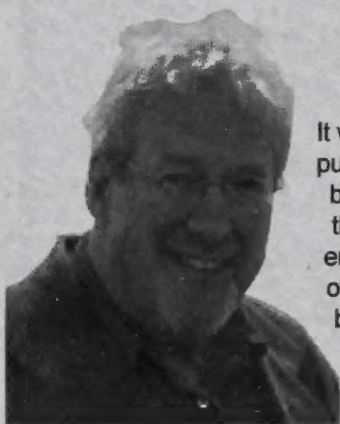
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# Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

## Another Day, Another Decade



It was a decade that started out with wild predictions of computers imploding, planes falling out of the sky, and every two-bit apocalypse predictor cheerfully crawling out from under their logs: this was their time, finally! Remember how the end of the second AD millennium was going to mean the end of our computer-based culture because some programmer back in the 1980s had forgotten that 1999 would change to 2000, and crash bang, down we'd all go?

Millions were made by private companies to prevent Armageddon in this once in a life-time scam opportunity.

At the time I was working part-time at a resort where every New Years a group of a dozen or so high-end Ontario civil servants and their partners would gather for the celebration. But in mid-December the word came out that deputy ministers and in particular the clerk of the privy council must remain within walking distance of Queens Park on that January 31. Karumba! The resort's owners promptly cancelled the event, and everyone went to their homes to see how the world would end.

Well, we're still here, at least some of us are. Even though you could argue that the epochal events of September 11, 2001 fulfilled part of the prophecies (the bit about planes falling out of the sky), and that our world has changed irrevocably as a result, still, you surely have to, in the end, blame all the usual suspects: empire building, xenophobia, racial and religious hatred, the haves and the have-nots. So what's new?

Well, as we noted a few weeks ago, the social network/information revolution (and possibly Wiki Leaks) have arguably changed our world as much as fundamentalist-fired terrorism. And, to bring the argument full circle to Haliburton County, modern electoral techniques, aided and abetted naturally by computers, have wrought a significant change to our county's political map. The successes of the Vision Team in Minden Hills, and of Liz Danielsen and Lisa Barry in Algonquin Highlands were due in part to a genuine desire for change, for elected representatives that seemed more accountable, and also to those candidates deciding that they would target all the voters in their jurisdictions, whether they lived in Minden, Gull Lake, Rosedale, or Oakville.

The election – cross-county – proved also that you still had to do a little campaigning, turn up at candidates' meetings, and have an ear to the ground for what was bothering the voters.

Haliburton County's four councils have a lot of work to do in the next four years, and we hope to hear from their representatives shortly about just what they might have in store for us, their visions and expectations. And don't forget – "The 2012 Phenomenon" may well begin to rival, in hype at least, the 2001 Y2K bug that so obsessed us those 10 long years ago.

And Happy New Year to all of you from all of us at the County Voice. ■

## Dear Editor:

### "Thank you"

Dear Editor:

Thank you to you and your staff for such an inspirational front page and CHRISTMAS filled paper this week Dec.23/10. HE is what it is all about!

Connie & Rob Carson---Halls Lake  
Algonquin Highlands, ON

### "Bravo, Phipps Family"

Dear Editor:

Bravo to the Phipps Family for the "Three questions for Haliburton and Minden Councilors", re. animal welfare for abandoned and abused animals, published on December 16, 2010 in The County Voice.

For more than 40 years, my late husband and I cared for orphaned, injured, abandoned and abused animals (wild and domestic) at private sanctuaries in Uphill and Gooderham Ontario.

This work was rewarding and extremely satisfying, but also very costly and time consuming for us, as we dealt with hundreds of animals over the years.

Now, as a senior, living alone, on a fixed income, in an adult community in Minden Hills, I find myself doing the same kind of animal welfare volunteer work at my own door. Stray and abandoned cats are a problem in the whole county of Haliburton, and Hunter Creek Estates is no exception.

There should be a place in the County to take these animals for spaying, neutering and adoption. These animals did not asked to be "dumped" or "abused". The problems/situations created, are solely due to bad, irresponsible human behaviour. The problems can only be corrected by good human choices and decisions. My hope is that the County of Haliburton will immediately address this huge problem, which impacts on all citizens and on our environment.

Sincerely,  
Sharon Lawrence  
Minden

## Letter of the Week

### "I travel frequently on our back roads"

Dear Editor:

I want to thank Janet McMahon for her letter of December 23 with respect to the reported option of looking at a used pumper fire truck. We encourage any resident to do the same if they have concerns (on any topic) as it gives us an opportunity to explain some of the discussions at Council meetings in greater detail than what might be reported in the local press.

I travel frequently on our back roads. I live 1.5 km from the nearest municipal road, two km from the nearest County Road and 15.5 km from the Minden fire station. The reality of cottage country is that most dwellings are wood structures and many are located far from a fire hall and on secondary roads. Even the most sophisticated pumper truck cannot offset the risks linked with these conditions.

Another thing to consider is the fact that most of our fire department calls in Minden Hills do not involve fighting fires. Over the past two years, less than 25 per cent of fire calls were for fires – the majority (more than 70 per cent) were for motor vehicle accidents and medical calls.

We do have a safety issue with our rescue truck that carries the "jaws of life", which are so heavy they are pushing the weight limitations of that truck. The proposed new fire truck has the ability to carry the "jaws of life" equipment, has more sophisticated pumping technology, contains an on-board command centre (so firefighters can sit inside the vehicle during an incident) and has a couple of other useful features such as drop-down chains for safer winter driving. This new custom vehicle will cost the township in excess of \$350,000.

Before Council can make an informed decision and commit to an expenditure of this magnitude, we need to make sure that we've taken a thorough look at all options. The City of Toronto and the City of Mississauga purchase and replace fire fighting equipment on a scale and frequency that makes good used equipment a possibility. The key word is "good" – no one is suggesting we buy "junk".

I want to assure the people of Minden Hills that we will have the best possible fire protection equipment that meets the needs of our community.

Barb Reid  
Reeve  
Township of Minden Hills

### "Religion in local politics"

Dear Editor:

Re: Letter from Tyson Farrell in your Dec. 16th, 2010 edition of the County Voice stating it is time to get religion out of local politics.

I am grateful that our elected officials have a choice of who will conduct their "swearing in ceremony". I am grateful to those who have gone before us, legislators who passed laws, the military who fought in wars and conflicts to preserve those laws of choice.

Respectfully,  
John Mallon  
Drag River  
Minden

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Peter Brogden and his wife Margaret tried out the Moosewoods Cross Country ski trails on Monday. The Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club is reporting on their website that there are good, early-season conditions on the 10 kilometres groomed and trackset at Glebe, the six kilometres groomed for skating and classic at Pinestone, and the 10 kilometres groomed and trackset at Moosewoods. Club memberships are available or skiers can pay for a day pass at the trail entries.

Photo by Laura Redman

## Cross Country Ski Club received funds to expand trails

The Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club received funds earlier this year from the Haliburton County Development Corporation to extend the Glebe Park trail about 3.5 km beyond the existing 10 kilometre loop off of Industrial Park Road. The club also reports that the ski trails at Twin Lakes on Highway 35 near Minden have now been smoothed and widened.

The club will hold their paintball biathlon this Sunday, featuring an Olympic-like competition, skiing and shooting at targets. This fun competition is open to skiers in four age categories from 11 and under to 20 and

up, with varying difficulties in length. The event gets underway at noon with a one-hour equipment instruction followed by the competition, starting with the youngest skiers. To preregister, please email [bpaton@sympatico.ca](mailto:bpaton@sympatico.ca) or call 705-457-5177.

The trails will be used during the Winterfest games in February, and the Ontario Senior Winter Games District 11 Nordic Team Selection will be held Tuesday, January 4 in Glebe Park.

For more information or current conditions, please visit the club website at: [www.ski-haliburton.com](http://www.ski-haliburton.com).

## *Twas the night before Christmas and I'm locked out of my Jeep in a tee shirt at Coby!*

By Terrance Gavan

Twas the night before Christmas  
And to Lindsay I'm fled  
Thoughts of a car wash  
Scream through my head  
My blue Jeep is spattered  
With tinges of grey  
OCD says to smite  
All that salt, sand and clay  
I stop at Old Coby  
Big garage on the hill  
In tee shirt and jeans  
I egress to the shrill  
Noise of the hoses  
At work in the bays  
My dog Billie Jean  
Jumps into the fray  
She loves to chase water  
As it spurts from the tip  
And inside the car  
She prances and trips  
And I'm not even worried  
I left keys in ignition  
I know that Jeep knows  
By mere intuition  
Never to allow me  
To lock keys inside  
It balks when I push the  
Lock and load slide  
But I forgot about Billie  
And those small happy paws  
Running around willy nilly  
Like old Santa Claus  
I finish ablutions  
My Jeep looks like new  
And I move to the car door  
On time – Jeez – who knew?  
I pull on the handle  
And to my dismay  
The button is down  
Oh the cuss words that spray  
The bombs that emit  
Like water from hose  
And to my iPhone I go  
Joy slid to repose  
I phone CAA  
And then I remember

My yearly renewal  
Is on my credenza  
And suddenly I recall  
What Helena Guergis once said  
At PEI airport  
When plans went to shreds  
"Merry #%%ing birthday!"  
She said to herself  
And that's what I said  
Like a fractious old elf  
"Merry \*\*%%ing Christmas"  
And I'm sorry dear Billie  
And shaking my head  
I must have looked kinda' silly  
Then much to my wonder  
My eyes did espy  
A Chrysler van  
With a jolly old guy  
Alone at the wheel  
And he said with a grin  
"Let's figure this out  
C'mon get yourself in."  
We toured down to garage  
No room at that inn  
Back to the car wash  
We managed to spin  
And I got through to the guy  
With the magical sleigh  
He arrived in ten minutes  
No bells ... That's okay  
And he had me in Jeep  
With the flip of a shim  
Billie jumping with joy  
As I clambered in  
And I stopped by to thank  
My Samaritan friend  
His name? Darrell Black  
This thank you I send  
For deep in the rush  
Of Christmas night's eve  
You stooped to help  
A stranger in need  
And God knows I owe you  
So here's a big shout  
For reminding what Christmas  
Is truly about.

(Thank you Darrell Black. For sharing the warmth of Christmas with a stranger.)

# The Outsider

■ By Will Jones

## Keep it in the family

We, my cousins and I, waited impatiently outside the living room door. "Are you ready yet," shouted little Jonny, "Oh hurry up!" The door was duly opened and in we scuttled, a cluster of kids, our eyes darting around, searching excitedly. And the assembled oldies, they started to sing: "how green you are, how green you are..." to the tune of Auld Lang Syne. The nearer we got to our prize – traditionally a walnut hidden in plain sight – the louder the singing became, if we moved away the volume decreased.

Childhood Christmas in England meant for me, grandparents, uncles and aunts, plus a scrum of cousins of varying ages descending on our house throughout Christmas Day and my Mother rushing around ensuring no one could ever be described as anything less than absolutely stuffed to the gunnels. The focus of the day would gravitate, almost as predictably as the film repeats in the TV scheduling, from the frenzy of present opening, to a mountainous Christmas lunch and on to after lunch recovery, which can be best described as lounging on the sofa groaning in mock pain while the Christmas pud went down. Fortunately, before pangs of hunger had even thought of panging party hats were donned and Christmas tea appeared: towering plates of turkey sandwiches and mince pies, washed down with cups of milky tea. And then, finally, it was time for the games, the part that us kids and I suspect the adults looked forward to the most.

This was and still is Christmas to me. I do acknowledge the religious connotations; the Midnight Mass, Nativity and all things to do with Jesus (I'm all for anyone who can turn water into wine), and, when still young we would accompany my Mother to church for candle-lit carols and the Christmas Day service. That is until my Father was forbidden from attending any longer. You see, the reverend made the mistake, after a particularly lengthy sermon, of asking my Dad what he had thought of the service. Never one to mince his words, he said simply: "Boring, vicar. I thought it was rather boring."

Dad still revels in the fact that he was banned from church, thirty years on.

This year, however, all has been different. Our recent emigration has put 3000 miles of Atlantic Ocean between me, finding that walnut – the singing will be very quiet indeed – and my parents, siblings and relatives. Christmas has instead been an intimate affair. Waking on Christmas morning with just my lovely wife and baby boy, it's been much quieter (I'm not putting batteries in any of his new toys) and the realisation that we miss our family more intense than at any time since we arrived in Canada.

But don't think we're feeling down. Our first Canadian Christmas sees us celebrating our new lives. It's the first year that little Z set to unwrapping the pile of presents under the tree with gusto; and, we have made wonderful friends who took it upon themselves to show us just how Canadians celebrate Christmas.

And so to everyone, I say thank you for making our time so far in Canada an enjoyable one. I bid you a very Merry Christmas and insist that you play silly games, sing till you're fit to burst and revel in the best company you could wish for, your family large or small.

By the way, there was no prize for finding that walnut: other than the elation of plucking it from its hiding place amongst Uncle Robert's bouffant wig (you could guarantee it was hidden there at least once a year). The singing, which had risen to a cacophony, would explode into a rousing cheer; we kids dancing joyfully around the living room for a just moment before demanding: "PLAY AGAIN! PLAY AGAIN!" □

## What's Up DOC

### Holiday toxins your pet should avoid

The Christmas season can be rushed, stressful and hectic. Sometimes we forget about the great smelling gifts wrapped under the tree that might be intriguing for a dog with a good nose. They might also be toxic.

Most people are aware of the common toxins like chocolate and tinsel but how about mistletoe, holly berries, rosemary, potpourri, grapes and raisins.

There are a variety of foods in our homes at Christmas. Many people share their treats with the dog but this can be dangerous at times. Chocolate and cocoa contain theobromine a highly toxic chemical to dogs and cats leading to vomiting, diarrhea, heart arrhythmias and seizures.

Fortunately, most milk chocolate has very little cocoa in it so it takes quite a lot to cause seizures and heart issues. Small amounts will cause stomach upset and possibly quite a mess in the house.

Candies and gum that contain xylitol as the sweetener can cause a life threatening drop in the blood sugar level and liver failure in dogs. Many medications have xylitol as well and need to be kept out of harms way.

Left over gravy or other fatty foods can cause life threatening pancreatitis, abdominal pain and vomiting. This is quite a common problem after large family gatherings and is so easily avoided.

Foods containing grapes, raisins or currants like Christmas cake can result in kidney failure in dogs. They tend not to be dose related so a small amount in one dog can cause a big problem but sometimes a large amount in another pet causes no problems at all.

It is not really understood why this is, it just is. Tinsel is a tree decoration many avoid now as cats

often will eat this and it will cause severe damage to the intestines. It acts as a linear foreign body slicing through the small intestines often leading to death if not treated surgically and quickly.

Liquid potpourri can fill the house with a smell of nutmeg or pine but if ingested by your cat can result in severe chemical burns in the mouth, respiratory difficulties and tremors. It is as dangerous to cats as antifreeze is to dogs. Dogs just love the taste of antifreeze and small amounts will put dogs into kidney failure. Antifreeze is in snow globes so if one should break, don't let the animals lick it up.

I hear all the time about Poinsettias being toxic but they are very mildly toxic causing only an irritation to the mouth and tongue. Far more toxic are mistletoe, holly berries, and lilies. Many Christmas bouquets have lilies in them and one small bite can cause severe kidney damage. Even the pollen that falls on the table if eaten is toxic. Apparently the American mistletoe is much less toxic than the European varieties. Luckily it is usually hung up high so pets are not able to reach them.

I hope you keep your pets safe this year and the good smelling gifts out from under the tree. If your pet does ingest something and you are unsure if it is toxic, you can call the pet poison hot line 24/7 at 1-800-213-6680. For a fee of \$35.00 US this resource will provide treatment advice and recommendations relating to exposures to potential dangerous plants, products and medications to pet owners and veterinarians.

I hope you and your pets have a safe and Merry Christmas. □



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### Darby Bayley won Winter Games logo contest

The Games Organizing Committee of the 2011 Ontario Senior Games- Winterfest, is pleased to announce the winners of the design contest which was held to ask for logo ideas for the Games.

Close to twenty submissions were received by late November and after reviewing the submissions the Committee selected Darby Bayley of Minden as the winner and recipient of the first prize of \$201.10.

The logo will begin to appear in all communications, the Winterfest 2011 website, signage and promotion elements associated with the games.



**Dad delivers baby in Grumpy's taxi:** Kyle Spencer became a midwife on February 12 and delivered his third child in the back of a taxi, when his partner, Emily Barry, went into labour on the way to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay. Baby and mom were fine and here, Stan Wilson, owner of Grumpy's Taxi appears with the happy parents.

### Haliburton's Hank DeBruin Mushed Across Alaska in Iditarod

By Zoe Cittern

The time finally came last Saturday for Hank DeBruin to start the race of a life time; Iditarod. Hank is co-owner of Winterdance Dog Sled Tours with his wife, Tanya McCready-DeBruin, who, with their four children, also travelled to Alaska. Iditarod is a 1,850 km dogsled race across Alaska that is hailed as one of the world's great endurance tests.

Hank left the starting gate on Saturday at 3:26 p.m. local time. Tanya kept everyone back home via the Internet up to date with their adventure: "The race started at 2 p.m. The restart is staged out of a lake and it is quite a sight to see the starting line and chute go across the lake with 70 dog trucks parked on the ice leading up to the chute.

"In what seemed like no time at all we had 30 minutes to the start. Dogs were dropped and harnessed, the sled was anchored to the truck and Hank got on his heavy gear... Two minutes to go; Hank ran up to pet all the dogs and I held the brake and listened to the announcer introduce Hank with our children standing by the sled. Mark Nordman the Race Marshall leaned over and said to me, with his big smile, "You aren't going to cry today are you?" "With that Hank was back at the sled and with a hug and a kiss took over the sled. I ran up to cheer on the dogs... As he climbed a hill and headed away from us I knew he was fine, doing what he does best, being where he loves to be."

On March 16th Hank DeBruin's race ended when he received a call from the race marshall regarding the pace of his dogs and his competitiveness. After Hank hung up the phone, his dream was over and he pulled out of the Iditarod.

## Dawson Hamilton laid to rest

Hamilton's last journey was dignified, peaceful, funny and deeply moving. Over 600 family, friends and admirers gathered at the Minden Community Centre last Thursday to "Celebrate Dawson's Life". Dawson died Sunday, January 10th at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto after a five year battle with Chronic Myeloid Leukemia: he was just nine years old.

Dawson's great uncle Karl Upton officiated at the hour-long service. A recurrent theme throughout the tributes was the almost magical way that Dawson had affected the lives of so many: his teachers, the nurses at Sick Kids who looked after him so often over the years, his older brother Tanner's Bantam hockey team, and the group of OPP "Pedal for Hope" cycling team officers who included Dawson in so many of their Cops for Cancer events over the years. Constable John Townsend gave a particularly moving eulogy to their "special friend", who had lightened their lives so much with his irrepressible sense of humour, mischief, and "courageous outlook" on life. He recalled how Dawson would tease the officers, from the comfort of a squad car, when they appeared to be a little slow in their bike ride through the Esplanade Line, and Vinegar Hill. And of how when allowed,

"he loved to work those lights and sirens in the squad car." Dawson's necklace of bravery beads contained almost 500 beads: "he is our hero," said Townsend. Through barely concealed tears the constable also announced that the OPP will dedicate their 2010 Tour to Dawson's memory.



In other tributes retired Archie Stouffer teacher Toos Reid spoke of how each child is precious, and different, and of how much Dawson had touched their lives and the lives of all his teachers: she then sang the sad and inspiring Marian song with the lyrics "The ones I love are many coloured, the ones I love are flowers bright, the ones I love are gifts eternal, the ones I love have shared their light."

The Hamilton family was also very grateful that Dawson's long-time buddy and supporter, Colorado Avalanche rookie star and Haliburton native Matt Duchene left his team mid-road trip in order to attend the ceremony. Finally, after many more family and friend's eulogies, Funeral Director Kirsten Monk read a touching tribute from Dawson's nine-year-old cousin Owen Smith, and then, with dignity, read the service of committal. There will be a spring interment at the Minden Cemetery.

## Laurie Scott sought Tory nomination

By Stephen Patrick,

You might be able to take the girl out of politics, but you sure can't take the politics out of the girl. Last week Laurie Scott, former Conservative Party MPP for Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock, announced that she would seek her party's nomination to run in the next provincial election, mandated for the fall of 2011.

Just 13 months ago Scott resigned her seat to make way for the parachute candidacy of her then-leader, John Tory: two months later Tory was humiliated by Liberal Rick Johnson, and subsequently resigned from politics. Scott was then appointed to lead the team of Conservatives in preparing for the 2011 election, as well as to provide liaison work between the Caucus and her new leader, Tim Hudak's, office.

In an interview with the Voice, Scott admitted that she was completely taken aback in January of 2009 when, after she resigned and John Tory's campaign began, at how upset and angry her constituents were at her decision: "I knew that my resignation would be controversial, but I genuinely believed that I was doing the right thing for my party, and for the riding. To have a great guy, a strong Leader of the Opposition, and as far as I was concerned the next Premier of the province representing Haliburton was in my opinion a great opportunity for us.

Laurie Scott and her family have a long history in Halibur-

ton's Conservative Party: her father Bill Scott was the federal MP from 1968 until 1993: before that he was Reeve of Snowdon Township and a well known businessman and grocery store owner in Kinmount. "People knew my Dad was a working person who was extremely close to his constituents: they used to say that 'he certainly knew the price of meat', meaning he knew how people lived, what they could afford, and what they couldn't. He really believed in service, in giving back, and he taught me a lot about that."

Bill Scott was personally honoured by Brian Mulroney in the 1984 election when the soon-to-be Prime Minister paid a special visit to the Kinmount Fair during the campaign and lauded Scott as the best example of a hard-working, effective local MP Mulroney had in his caucus. The riding was a safe Tory seat, so Mulroney had little political advantage to gain, but he made the trip anyway.

Laurie Scott hopes that her constituents will realize that "I too believe first and foremost in community service, and hard constituency work. My job will be to reassure the voters that I've always had their interests at heart in the decisions I've made, although I acknowledge that will be difficult."

*Editor's note: Laurie Scott was of course returned as the provincial Tory candidate on Sept. 18, 2010 in a landslide victory over her opponents and she will take on incumbent MPP Rick Johnson in the 2011 provincial election.*

## Walker and team Canada came home with bronze

Sure, everyone wants gold, but being third best in the whole world is a monumental accomplishment.

Team Canada, skipped by local curler, Jake Walker, defeated China 7-1 in eight ends last Sunday to secure the bronze medal in the men's World Junior Championship bonspiel held in Flims, Switzerland.

The Scots and Swiss rinks played off for the gold and silver in a game that was tied 6-6 going into the tenth end.

In front of an ecstatic home crowd, Team Switzerland eventually prevailed by stealing one in the final end to win top honours in the men's division. Canada's junior women will bring home silver, having lost to Sweden in the gold medal game.

Walker commented on the curling.ca website, "Our goal coming into this was to make the playoffs. Winning bronze is good for us, we'd like to win gold but this is a good alternative."

He added, "We were told coming into this to expect the same competition as we had at nationals and that's what we got."

Jake's Minden family and friends were thrilled at his successes on the world stage. □



Jake Walker leads his team to bronze medal.



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### Voice announced first annual 'Back Words' Short Story Contest

The County Voice, in partnership with R.D. Lawrence Place, is pleased to announce the first annual Back Words Short Story Contest. This first annual fiction writing contest will officially begin on October 14, and will feature three age categories: Child – ages eight to 12; Youth – ages 13 to 18; and Adult – everyone else 19 years and over.

This contest does not have a boring theme – instead the challenge is that all writers must include the following five words in their fictional short story: canoe, Gelert, library, dancing and umbrella. There will be three winners in each category chosen by a group of judges consisting of R. D. Lawrence Place Coordinator Sheryl Loucks, Voice Reporter (and RDL Place Writer-in-Residence) Laura Redman, Voice Editor Stephen Patrick and Playwright Michael Fay.

*Editor's note: The Voice received 24 entries in our adult category and has been publishing the wonderful winning stories throughout the last few weeks. Look for our first place winners in this issue.*

### Frost Centre closed its doors

By Liz Danielsen

Despite the best efforts of the Frost Centre Institute's General Manager Al Aubry, the centre will be closing its doors permanently tomorrow. High operating costs and a lack of capital investments placed the final nails in the coffin for the centre and everything that it offered.

Aubry took over the Frost Centre in 2007. In 2008 he proposed a year round operation including a summer camp and a conference centre, and sought support for funding to launch the Frost Environmental College in partnership with the University of Guelph.

While the college offered a full Middle and Secondary School curriculum, it also planned to place special emphasis on environmental education. The campus, given its waterfront location and the fact that it was surrounded by vast areas of boreal forest made the Frost Centre the perfect environment for a program that was touted as being unparalleled anywhere in the world. During an interview with the Voice in the late fall of 2008, Aubry admitted that establishing the College was a huge undertaking. Over \$800,000 was required at that time to make much needed renovations and that didn't take into account the investment required for staffing, teaching equipment, computers, furniture and fixtures.

Ultimately, it proved too big a task. The centre was unable to become self sufficient and could not meet its financial responsibilities, primarily in the form of lease payments to the Government of Ontario as the owners of the facility. According to MPP Rick Johnson, while the provincial government was as lenient with the institute as they could be, they finally had to make a difficult decision. The Centre hadn't paid rent on the facility since its first installment almost three years ago. "There was a contract with Mr. Aubry that wasn't fulfilled. The government had bent over backwards trying to give him every opportunity to bring the lease up to date, but unfortunately that didn't happen."

### Minden wolves silenced

It appears that the recent attempts to whip up fear and hysteria regarding an increasing number of wolf sightings in Haliburton County is having its desired effect: on Tuesday this week a lone ATVer discovered at least seven slaughtered wolves in the bush just east of Minden. The wolves, which all appear to have been healthy, had been either shot or snared and dumped in a pile in the bush.

Ministry of Natural Resources Area Biologist Gerry Moraal was taken to the site, and investigation of these killings was immediately begun by the MNR Conservation Officers. The MNR's concern was that the killers would try to move them before an investigation could be completed.

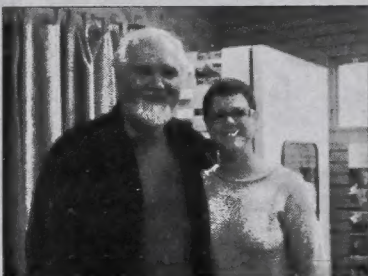
### Ballot typo caused problems in Algonquin Highlands

Algonquin Highlands ballots were mailed out with a single typo that could have some serious implications for the coming October 25 municipal election in the township. The instructions for Ward 2 tell voters to vote for one of the three candidates when it should have instructed them to vote for two of the three.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison confirmed that a mistake has been made. "It says one to be elected and it should be two in Ward 2, in what I call the Stanhope Ward," she said. "They were supposed to get back to us, I thought today [Monday], with a firm decision but as of 4:30 we've heard nothing from the lawyer today. I'm not certain exactly how we are going to deal with it to be honest." *Editor's note: The ballot issue was quickly resolved by counting the trustee vote on the original ballot with a second ballot mailed out for the two councillor vote.*

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# The Worst Part

By Claire Sylvan

Adult 1st Place Winner

Claire is a member of the Algonquin Highlands Writing circle and is currently on the Management Committee of HHWEN. She usually writes poetry. Poem bits fly at her from every direction, sometimes at inconvenient times, but she does her best to treat each one with respect and loving attention. Poetry writing has been a trusty companion through many of the storms of life. Short stories are beginning to thread their way into her writing, and she is delighting in watching these genres find common ground. Claire has lived, worked, and written in Haliburton County for 33 years.

The worst part of her high school buddy Catherine's wedding was not when Cath's uncle Tom grabbed her cane as a prop for dancing the Limbo. Nor was it when she found Cath in the bathroom throwing up, and had to take her own slip off to spot clean the wedding dress. It wasn't even getting caught at a table of old classmates swapping birth stories, trying to outdo each other in accounts of leaky breasts and sleep deprivation.

Not that Heather didn't expect to find herself reminiscing with her school buddies about some of the more memorable scrapes and, in fact, potential disasters they had somehow found themselves in. She had anticipated reruns of the time they got caught hiding mickies behind books in the library the day of the prom, or that crazy November canoe fiasco when Sam,

Gloria, and Mike dumped in the Burnt River rapids near Gelert, barely surviving with hypothermia and a few scrapes. Wasn't it that weird Math teacher Jenkins who happened to be driving along East Road and saw them dragging themselves out of the water? Lucky for them. Or the time we paid Cath's little brother to collect slugs from the garden, and then dumped them in old

Ms Powell's umbrella. I think it was George who came up with a really fancy explanation for how they got there – and then delivered it with a totally straight face. It was pretty dramatic when she opened the umbrella to go home.

Heather had actually looked forward to revisiting those old stories; in fact, she had rehearsed a few of her own. And frankly, she could have anticipated the baby stories – that's where they all were right now. But not her. That accident had taken so much from her. They told her that with the seizures from the brain injury she could not even adopt.

At least Jimmy wasn't here. She hadn't seen him since the accident all those years ago, had heard he'd moved to Kapuskasing. This wouldn't be the time or place. Heather had never understood, even though he had been driving the car, why he wouldn't want to see her. What had happened to all the sweetness from before? They had been sworn friends for life since Grade Five, had kept each other out of trouble, or covered for each other when they couldn't, more times than she could count. Cath had told her that Jimmy and his wife couldn't make the trip from Kapuskasing.

The music was so loud and Heather's thoughts were so distant, she did not at first hear the woman speak. When the voice finally distinguished itself from the background and she heard her name, Heather turned to see Joyce, Jimmy's mother. "Come outside with me for a bit, would you?"

Joyce. Now, this really was the worst. Hadn't even thought she'd be here. Some functional part of Heather's brain did a speedy scan of her options, then she found herself shrugging "Why not?" She was grateful for Joyce's offered arm as they made their way to a picnic table out back of the Community Centre. Joyce

commanded "Wait right there", as if Heather could do anything else, and fetched them each a coffee.

The two women sat in silence for a long time. When Heather turned to put her empty cup on the table, she saw that Joyce had been crying. The older woman spoke quietly. "I've missed you." Heather could barely hold herself on the bench.

"I made Jimmy stay away from you – I was afraid he would kill himself or something. He's all I have."

The words kept coming, and Heather did her best to listen, swirling with floods of memories and her own roaring inside. She was brought back to the cooling evening when she heard, "I made a big mistake. I am sorry. I will tell him to come and see you."

Heather had so many questions, starting with how does anyone have that much control over another person – but this was enough for tonight. She gently refused Joyce's offer of a drive back to her motel, promising to email as soon as she got home.

As the cab rounded the lake Heather thought of all the times they had stuffed themselves into this very vehicle, or another similarly un-roadworthy one, coming home after a night of good times at the Northwood.

The best part, the miracle, was that they all survived to adulthood.

Even her.

*Judge's comments: The Worst Part – The story was well crafted, with a nice opening, a convincing rising action, and a very satisfying denouement. The characters were drawn convincingly and the main character had real depth and believability. The core insight, however, was the real strength, giving the story the kind of 'sticking power' that comes with insightful writing.*



Claire Sylvan

## Sadie

By Sadie Rose Lissemore

Child 1st Place Winner

Sadie is an 11-year-old local student who is excited to tell stories, and plans to work on some new ideas over the Christmas holidays.

My name is Sadie and I am 11 years old. I live in York along the Grand River, and the year is 1868. My family is moving to a logging camp up in a new town called Haliburton. My father is a logger and so we will be moving and staying from May to October. My mother is going up to teach in a tent and she has a small library of books that she wants to share with people. She loves to teach reading. I was not ready for the long trip that took us 4 days by horse and buggy. I think we hit every bump and lump along the road.

When we arrived we found a small village in the making, the stores and town buildings were made up from tents and wood frames. The main street was mud, it had rained so much in the past week the dirt road was a sloppy mess. My father started working at the lumber camp while my mother set up our own tent and

made a home for our family. I am an only child with father and mother very busy working it was left to me to find things to keep me occupied. I met a boy named Henry we became best friends real fast. Henry had a dog and his name was Gelert and as the summer got started my father gave me my own dog and I named him Canoe, he is a handsome beagle.

Henry and I and our dogs spent the better part of the summer swimming on the Drag river, we even enjoyed exploring around Head Lake and on some of the hot summer days I would take my umbrella and pack a lunch and Henry and I would go for picnics along the banks of the river and watch the logs flow down towards town. Before the summer was over my father purchased some land on the Drag River and he built our family a new home. Even though we only are staying for the warm weather, father still built us a nice log home. My bedroom was small but that was okay, I really didn't stay indoors unless it rained a lot.

My family made a lot of new friends and at the end of the days we would take turns hosting get to gather's were everybody joined in with music and storytelling and there was lots of dancing and singing. It was a lot

of fun and I even got to dance with Henry.

The snow came early this year so we left our new home for the winter, and went back home to York where I went to school and day dreamed about going back to Haliburton. Our family continued to travel every spring until I became a young woman and my father got too old to travel.

But my heart found an new home and when I grew up I made the move myself, and there I found all my old friends and Henry and I got married and had 4 kids of our own and I raised them up in Haliburton like my own childhood. The log cabin my father built became a summer home for me and my family and my grand children have the opportunity to enjoy their summers in Haliburton Highlands.



Sadie Rose Lissemore

*Judge's comments: Sadie – The historic context was entirely believable, capturing a story that was part of our heritage. The story read like a memoir with a real sweetness to the memory. The writer integrated the challenging task of our five words with creativity and verve. I feel it enhances the theme of the contest's name. It is a realistic portrayal of life in early Haliburton, of the sense of community that still typifies the region today and it evokes a love of the natural heritage and beauty that draws tourists to the region.*





**Magazine sales celebration:** To most, whipped cream is pretty tasty. But this time around, the taste was sweeter for those who got to deliver the treat. That's because the top three sellers in Archie Stouffer's annual magazine sales drive got to pie the student council prime ministers and their principal, Joan Harpell, at an assembly on Dec. 21. This year – the 25th one for the school – students reached \$22,500 in sales. The school receives one-third of that back each to use for playground equipment, Smart Board's and special school events.

Photo by Mark Arike



**Cardiff Christmas concert:** Cardiff Elementary School students got into the spirit of the season on Wednesday, Dec. 22 during the school's annual Christmas concert. Artist in the School Barry "Bazza" Hayward led a group of students in song on drums and shakers, and the audience was also thrown into the mix with colourful boomwhackers. Dance was also part of the program as Mrs. Bain's class put on a routine taught to them by other Artist in the School Julie Barban.

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## Jack Brezina named Voice publisher

The Board of the County Voice G.I.F.T. announced yesterday the appointment of Jack Brezina as Publisher of the County Voice and the Highlands Communicator, to be effective Friday, August 6.

Brezina said, "I was intrigued and excited by the changes announced last month in the ownership of the two papers. I've always been impressed with the papers the Irvines have published over the years, which have had such strong editorial content: they've served their community well. And now with the new G.I.F.T. structure, the papers will truly be a community enterprise."

Brezina also said how excited he was to get back into the newspaper business, "It really does get in your blood, and I'm delighted to be a part of it once again."

Jack started his career in the 1970s as a radio announcer

and newscaster, and then accompanied his wife Pat to her native Cochrane where she began her career as an elementary school teacher. "Soon, the Northland Post in Cochrane hired me as editor/reporter/photographer/driver, etc. In those days, you really did it all."

In 1979 Jack acquired the Minden Times, formerly the Minden Progress, which had recently been bought by a group of local businessmen. Jack and Pat moved happily to Minden where Pat continued her teaching career, and where the couple's two children, Kerry, 34, and Kevin, 31, were raised.

Finally, in 2001, Jack sold the paper to the Haliburton Echo and segued effortlessly into another phase of his career, as a committed and effective community activist and volunteer: he also developed a strong interest in the arts in the Highlands.

## Stanhope airport decision deferred

The final version of the Environmental Assessment Screening Report has been received from Infrastructure Canada. After a short discussion, council decided to acknowledge receipt of the document and defer signing it pending further review of the project.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said she didn't see it as an issue that required a long discussion. "Our decision is whether or not to sign the document today or leave it for some other options which will be discussed later," she said. Moffatt added that her preference would be to acknowledge receipt of the document and defer any further action until the matter has been reviewed.

"So, the resolution is purely to say that council has received the report and acknowledges it," Councillor Gary Schultz noted in clarification. Clerk Angie Bird said she needed direction regarding whether or not council chose to defer execution of the document.

"This is not a matter of yes or no," Moffatt pointed out. "Our steps going forward have potential to be very compli-

cated." She said the new members of council may not be aware of how the process has developed and knowing their feelings regarding the airport expansion project they should be brought up to speed regarding the details and finances that have led to this point before any further decisions are made. Council decided to defer any decisions until the all avenues have been thoroughly investigated.

The matter was discussed during an in-camera session following last Thursday's council meeting. The reeve was contacted Tuesday to get her comments.

"Council deferred execution of the document, which means it won't be signed," Moffatt said. "All of the people sitting around the council table now clearly expressed during whatever campaign period they may have had that they wanted to have more information and a more thorough review of the project. 'To do that, we have to get a lot of information and a lot of opinions. I think council made it very clear that what they want is to examine a broad range of options and the implications of those options."

## Pool discussion dominated election

*The Voice ran a three-part series discussing the possibility of a pool being built in Haliburton County.*

The Cardiff pool... circa 1957 or thereabouts...

Did you know Cardiff has a swimming pool?

Reactions to that statement in Minden Hills and Dysart et al have included: "Wow, are you kidding? That's amazing."; "That must be the best-kept secret in the county."; "What

swimming pool in Cardiff?"; "I think I'd heard that, but I'm not sure."; "What? Cardiff? Has a pool?"

"Yes, we sure do," confirmed Brittany Ellis, administrative assistant to the Environmental/ Property Supervisor in Highlands East. "We have an outdoor pool."

*Editor's note: The two ensuing stories discussed the motivation behind the pool and what is happening in other communities.*

## Water levels were a source of concern

Throughout the County waterfront property owners continue to watch their water levels carefully and wonder, given what appears to be almost records lows this spring, just how low the levels will go once the Trent Severn Waterway starts to draw down on the reservoir lakes. But Parks Canada/ TSW's Water Control Engineer Dave Ness suggests that all may not be as bad as it seems.

"Water in Kawartha Lakes levels are high, even overfilled at the moment," says Ness, and that is good news for reservoir lake dwellers because additional reserves in the Kawartha Lakes means more time before any draw down on the reser-

voir lakes.

Late last week the County Voice did a detailed review of many of the larger lakes in Haliburton County and found some disturbing numbers. With the exception of Twelve Mile, Horseshoe and Boshkung Lakes that seemed to be approaching historical high levels for this time of year, at least according to TSW calculations, most of the larger reservoir lakes appeared to be very close to historic lows for the same period. *Editor's note: After August, high water levels became a concern as 2010 saw record rainfall for Haliburton County.*

## County promised high speed Internet on the way

CORBYVILLE, Ont. - Thanks in part to the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, residents and businesses of rural eastern Ontario will soon have access to high speed internet. At an announcement made in September, representatives of all levels of government, announced the beginning of construction

of Ontario's largest rural broadband network. Through the use of fibre optics and satellite service, the broadband project will provide high speed internet access to 95% of the region, including one million residents and businesses.

Completion of the project is anticipated by 2013.

# 2010 Year in REVIEW

## Brohman took on new role

In a close race that pitted two well-liked candidates against one another, a former high school principal replaced a 10-year school board trustee veteran.

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, it was official: Gary Brohman - former teacher, coach and principal at Haliburton Highlands Secondary with a career spanning 38 years - became the next school board trustee for Haliburton County.

Out of a total of 14,658 votes, Brohman edged out incumbent Valerie Smith by a mere 692 votes.



A Highlands East firefighter chases hot spots at the explosion scene.

## Wilberforce home leveled in blast

Ted Procher was in his bathroom when his home blew up. Procher was then airlifted from Haliburton to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto last Wednesday, with what the OPP called that day "life-threatening injuries".

However, Highlands East Fire Chief Bill Wingrove, said the 67-year-old is now with his wife at their daughter's home in Barrie. Wingrove was surprised - not only that Procher survived the incident, but that the injuries, while severe, were not worse. The morning of the blast, neighbour Jim Saunders had just happened to see the grey mushroom cloud of smoke, before he heard the boom.

*Editor's note: Saunders rescued his neighbour after the blast and helped him to safety. Despite his injuries, Procher was released from the hospital four days later. The cause of the blast is still under investigation.*

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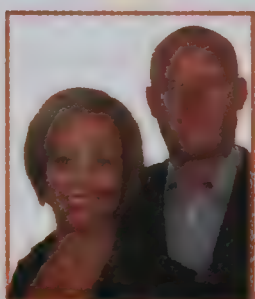
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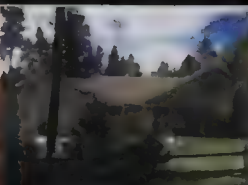
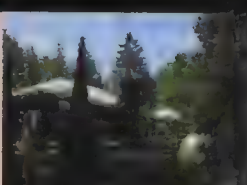
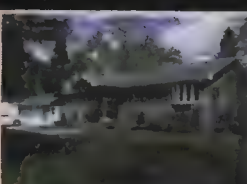
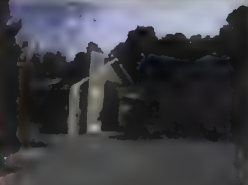
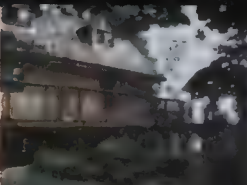
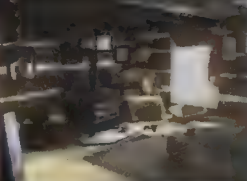




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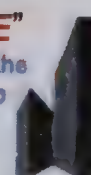
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**Firefighters go door-to-door for toys:** Minden firefighters spent a better part of the night on Dec. 14 collecting toys for families in need. Several trucks could be seen with their lights on, circling the town, as firefighters volunteered their time in support of the annual Christmas basket program. Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell, gets some help to move the toys into the community centre from his son Jordy Schell.

Photo by Mark Arike



**Carollers spread holiday cheer:** A recently formed group of carollers brought holiday cheer to local residents on Wednesday, Dec. 22. Known as the Haliburton Youth Ministry, the group sang Christmas carols such as Silent Night and Little Drummer Boy at Highland Wood, Parklane Apartments, Extencicare, Echo Hills Legion Apartments and the Haliburton United Church.

Photo by Mark Arike



### Health services secure grant funds

*Funds from Canadian million dollar roundtable charitable foundation to buy GlideScope*

By Mark Arike

For the second time, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) was successful in an application for funds from the Canadian Million Dollar Roundtable Charitable Foundation (MDRTF).

On Dec. 8 at the Sun Life Financial office in Haliburton, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker and campaign co-chair Don Popple accepted a \$1,177.20 cheque from MDRT member and Sun Life financial advisor Shawn Hagerman.

"The money will be used to fund a GlideScope, which is used to clear and view airways," said Walker in an email. "This is part of the priority equipment which we hope to completely fund, totalling \$140,000."

The MDRTF is an international, independent association of financial services professionals worldwide that is funded by top life insurance and financial advisors. It awards grants annually – up to \$5,000 per request – to a variety of charities in communities across Canada. The first time Hagerman assisted the HHHSF with a MDRTF grant application was back in December 2008. The application was successful, garnering \$2,588 in funds.

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**Car club exceeds \$9,000 mark with most recent donation:** Through a number of 50/50 draws at their evening car cruise-ins last summer, the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers raised \$1,000 for health services in the Highlands – bringing their grand total in contributions over the years to \$9,017. Executive members of the car club paid a visit to the Haliburton hospital on Dec. 8 to present a cheque to the Haliburton Health Services Foundation's executive director Dale Walker and hospital president and CEO Paul Rosebush. The funds will go towards the HHHSF's \$140,000 campaign for priority hospital equipment for both the Haliburton and Minden health care facilities. HHHSF executive director Dale Walker, left, and HHHSF CEO Paul Rosebush accept a \$1,000 cheque from members of the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers, left to right: vice president Steve Camochan, Julie Camochan, president Bob Patton and secretary Eleanor Patton.

Photo by Mark Arike



**Shoppers Drug Mart raises over \$1,000 for camp fund:** By purchasing a leaf for \$1, butterfly for \$5 or cardinal for \$50, shoppers helped Haliburton's Shoppers Drug Mart raise \$1009 to help send local kids to camp. The initiative was part of the store's nationwide effort known as the Tree of Life campaign. The funds were delivered to Marg Cox, executive director of Point In Time, on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at the Haliburton store. Joining the presentation were store manager Breanne Mansfield and the "top leaf seller" Mary Cross. The Point In Time camp fund is for children who would like to go to camp and would benefit from the experience but whose families cannot afford to send them. Over the past 22 years, Point In Time has sent over 500 children from Haliburton County to local camps, some of which include Kinark, Medeba, Wanakita and Camp Can Aqua.

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## Curling & Duplicate Bridge Events @ Winterfest 2011!

### Curling Competition

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February 17th 9am – 4pm: Medal Rounds: Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce Curling Clubs

### Duplicate Bridge Competition

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Thursday February 17th: Royal Resort, Fenlon Falls 9am – 4pm



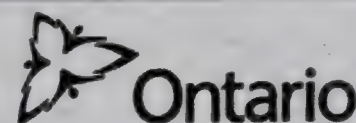
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## Masters Racing legend Lou Fenninger skis, talks and waxes... philosophical

*Fenninger ready for Senior Games and Winterfest alpine challenge*

By Terrance Gavan

I was asked once to describe my friend – ersatz confidante, and ski tuner – Lou Fenninger.

In one word.

"Peripatetic," I said, without a blink of hesitation.

Then I said, "Whoa... wait. Let's see if that's the word I want." Gav-speak for: I hope I didn't call ol' Lou a crank; or wide-browed member of a Neanderthal tribe.

Looked it up: "Of or relating to the teachings of the Greek philosopher Aristotle (384-322 BC), who used to teach philosophy while walking about the Lyceum in ancient Athens."

Bam. Perfect. Lou.

Fenninger, 64, walks around. A lot. And when he's not howling like a wolf, or barking like a dog – these Aristotelian metaphysical ticks are logged deferentially in Kitty Kelly's biography "Aristotle – And His Big Fat Greek Philosophy" – you may glean keen insight from Lou Fenninger; his life; and his passions.

Lou Fenninger is not a big fan of status quo; or mucky inertia; or the wallowing detritus of a life less lived.

He moves ahead, takes on problems in racing and life with fall line demeanor. My old ski school director Jeff Bartlett told me once: "You can learn a lot from Lou."

He wasn't talking about skiing.

Although you can learn about that too, from Sweet Lou.

Talking, walking, tuning, and waxing.

In the course of a rambling hour-long interview we traipsed around the workshop attached to Lou and Marianne Fenninger's modest four-season bungalow, just a 30-second scamper from Sir Sam's Ski Chalet.

They share it with a passel of daughters that I could name but you'll see their names often enough this year as we list race winners and Queen of the Hill finishers. Okay: Andrea, Erin, Victoria – who is already a member of the Women's National Master's Team – and Alex. Both Erin and Victoria have done the Peak to Valley Race in Whistler.

We chat, or Lou chats, and I chase, tape recorder on rapid scatter.

He tunes, sells a pair of Atomic skis to some long time friends, and scrapes wax off a new pair of 155 Atomic slalom gunners.

Lou is modest, or as modest as one can get while listing a string of eye-popping skiing accomplishments. Since falling in love with skiing in 1991, Fenninger continues to explore the nuance and the beauty of ski racing.

He's been a mentor to hundreds of young skiers at Sir Sam's.

Like Aristotle, Fenninger delivers his real lessons in between runs – on the lift.

"About twenty years ago I started ski racing," says Fenninger, who will be organizing the alpine events at the Winterfest Senior Games come February 15-17, 2011. "I started here; at Sir Sam's really... I started first with the Sir Sam's Challenge."

The Sir Sam's Challenge is a Sunday staple at the Sir Sam's ski area. It was when Fenninger started in the 90s and the Challenge continues to spawn a new breed of young and old racers today. (This year the Sir Sam's Challenge begins Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011.)

Back then Fenninger was looking for something. He found it on the hill. Something about the tug, the imposed boundaries of a course; and something about the camaraderie drew Fenninger deeper inside the Canadian racing cognoscente.

"From there I started Master's racing," says Fenninger. "And it was in the early 90s that I started going to Whistler and the National Master's Race. There were almost 400 people at the race there."

Master's Ski Racing was created to promote lifelong participation and performance in ski racing. Team members inspire recreational athletes—young and old—and represent AOA Masters at provincial, national and international events.

Fenninger didn't know what to expect, but he knew he



Lou Fenninger (top and right) boarding the lift with wife Marianne (top right) at Sir Sam's Ski and Summer Resort. Photo Terrance Gavan.

was home. He knew that first night at Whistler, a skiing mecca for many; but a true Mecca for Fenninger.

"Out of 35 people in my age category I was eighteenth, so I was right in the middle of the pack," he says. "But I loved it."

I should add an exclamation on that last bit, but an old Sports Editor at the Winnipeg Sun once whapped me on the back of the noggin for including such obtrusive gibberish. Screw it! Never liked that SOB anyway! Lou Fenninger loves it all! The skiing and the people!

Summers he spends time whacking trails out of hill-side on the Sir Sam's mountain bike courses. Fenninger's a dervish!

Many old coots find their mid-life solution at the wheel of a Ferrari. Bah! Ferrari in a nutshell? Hard to tune, a bitch to wax, and handles like a piece of batcrap in the snow.

Lou found his mid-life niche on the mountain.

"The Sir Sam's Challenge. I started in 91, and in the next four or five years I really worked at getting better and better," says Fenninger.

"So then the last time they had the Masters race at Whistler I won the combined (Slalom and Giant Slalom events) back in 97. I also ran it at Sun Peaks (BC) a couple of times. And in the Ontario I usually win the combined every year."

Remember that some of the guys Fenninger faces have skied for Canada's National Team.

And here Lou smiles. He shrugs. The message is clear. He's uncomfortable with the list of accomplishments because it does sound a little self-congratulatory. I smile and prod him to go-ahead. He wanders to the back of the shop, and talks while he walks.

"I would say that out of five years ... four out of the five I'll win. In the Ontario's it's usually clean," says Fenninger. "I win the slalom and the GS and take the combined."

"At Whistler someone might beat me in the slalom and I'll win the GS and take the combined. I've only won a single event a couple of times but I usually win the combined."

"Since the mid-90s I haven't been anywhere below third. And I mean there's guys that are better than me in GS and some guys who are better in slalom. I just do better in the overall."

Lou's teams have also won several of the four-man legendary Peak to Valley Race at Whistler.



Winning's nice says Fenninger, but the preparation, the concentration and the fun he has doing it makes the whole exercise worthwhile.

"The best part of it all are the guys involved," says Fenninger. "All these guys that I compete against are all really good friends of mine. There isn't a dull negative person in that whole group."

"Our oldest guy is Rolf Hauge, he's 91-year-old and he competes in the Peak to Valley at Whistler every year," says Fenninger.

Something sparkles in Lou's eyes and you just know that Lou Fenninger has eyes on Rolf's pace setting longevity record.

In 1991 Lou found and filled the hole in his donut.

Reminding us all to stick with the TH coffee and leave the Timbits on the counter.

Next time you get stuck on a lift at Sir Sam's with a yellow helmeted crazy who barks like a dog?

Have a chat.

But don't ask him to tune your skis.

My Nomads are next.

Schuss Points: The Winterfest Alpine events at Sir Sam's goes Feb 15-17 and will be overseen by Fenninger and Sir Sam's ski school director Dave Webb. Phone for entry and viewing recommendations at 705-754-2298.

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# Gav on Sports

## A kid named Rudy, a kid named Sam - and a big wide O!

By Terrance Gavan

In my daily trek – up at 4:30 am updating my website and blogs – I find funny; I find drama; I find disappointment; I find satire; and I find... life.

Because every day I trip over a beautiful story. And every day I am elevated to a place – a spot where all the detritus of cruelty, injustice, and a harsh world melt in the warm afterglow of humanity.

And this Christmas I found that story – written by Boston.com columnist Yvonne Abraham – a story about Sammy and Rudy, dissimilar in all outward details save one: they are young boys; ergo they feel, they crave human contact... and they love.

"On Tuesday night, Patty and Rick Parker were in their cramped kitchen with their 8-year-old son Ben. Dinner was over," writes Abraham. "Bedtime was near. Ben's twin brother, Sammy, lay on a cot in the narrow hallway just outside the kitchen. Unable to see or speak or control his limbs, he coughed or let out a little moan every now and then. Rick and Patty took turns feeding Sammy, who has cerebral palsy, through a stomach tube. He cooed when they kissed his face or stroked his cheek, and when they cooed back, he opened his mouth into a wide, joyful O.

"A few feet away was the narrow, winding stairway that is the family's biggest burden lately.

"Which is where 17-year-old Rudy's simple, life-changing act of kindness comes in.

"Until recently, Rick carried Sammy up those 14 stairs to his bedroom each night. But a few months ago, Rick had major surgery for a life-threatening heart condition, and now he can't lift much at all, let alone a 75-pound child."

"We thought Rick was going to die, and we were terrified," Patty recalled. "We knew right away he had to stop carrying Sam."

"Patty couldn't carry him, either. Desperate, she called her

pediatrician, who put her in touch with Elizabeth Paquette, the nurse at Malden Catholic High School. Paquette said she'd take care of it. The boys at Malden Catholic are taught to embrace service: She'd find plenty of students to help."

And that's when Sammy welcomed Rudy Favard - the son of Haitian immigrants, an honor roll student, linebacker and co-captain of the Malden football team – into his life. Rudy is being courted by several colleges and will be off at the end of the June semester. By that time the Parkers hope to be relocated into new digs without those daunting stairs.

But for now, two days before Christmas, the Parkers are very happy that Rudy fell into their lives. A picture accompanies the Boston.com piece. It shows a strapping black football player carrying Sammy up those narrow stairs. Sammy's mouth in that wide O. A human juxtaposition. Two boys at Christmas. And those goddam mushy neurons.

It's a powerful photo, and perhaps one that should be distributed to all those stupid, stupid politicians in Washington. You know the ones. The ones who like big fences and a lily-whiter America. Those bitter shrews who say immigrants are taking American jobs. Immigrants like Rudy and his family.

Rick Parker cried on that first night. The night Rudy came into their lives. "Just to see this outpouring of people," Rick Parker said, his eyes welling at the memory. "To see that these people were willing to put their hands and feet to what they believed."

On game nights Rudy is spelled by another Malden Catholic student and they have a third student on standby. Many willing hands, reaching out to Sammy; who can't reach back.

Brother Ben is the family watchdog. The doorbell rings. "Rudy is here! Rudy is here!" yells Ben.

Rudy sits with the Parker family. Patty asks him about girls. Rick and Rudy talk football. Ben sits right beside Rudy and stares.

"It's like family," says Rudy. "It goes both ways," writes Abraham. "The Parkers were on the field with Rudy's mother

the night Malden Catholic honored its senior football players.

Every night Rudy sits with the Parkers, and small talk done he walks over to Sammy. He gently lifts the Sam's left arm and slides his hands under his back. Rick is a professional caregiver and showed Rudy the ropes on the day they met.

"When Sam sees Rudy and then feels those strong arms. He trembles with excitement," writes Abraham.

Then comes the smile and that big wide O.

Rudy told Abraham when asked to help with the story:

"Can I ask you something? Is it OK if this article is more about Sam than me?" said Rudy. "He's done more for me than I've done for him. There are times when I don't want to go to practice, and then I look at Sam. By God's grace, I can do what I'm doing, so I should keep it up. I've never been one to complain a lot, but just seeing Sam reaffirms everything, you know?"

Yes we know Rudy.

And here's the thing.

I see young athletes at work almost every day here in Haliburton.

And like the nurse Liz Paquette at Malvern High, I don't think I'd have to dig too deep in the well to find students just like Rudy. Willing to give.

I teach kids at Sir Sam's ski area. I watch Hal High athletes at the rink, on the field, the court and the oval.

You'll hear a lot about kids these days.

Don't believe it.

Curmudgeons were spanking kid-related pejoratives way back when Socrates was still traipsing the Greek Agora.

If you need proof show up at the rink. Watch 'em play.

Need further proof?

Remember two kids named Rudy and Sam.

Now. Turn that ironic smile into an O.

Not too hard is it?

O! And Happy New Year peeps.

## Gav's hockey hot stove

### Duchene gets two gifts for Christmas

By Terrance Gavan

"All I want for Christmas is my two linemates, one to feed and one to skate ...

"Gee if I only had my two linemates... I could wish you a Merry Christmas."

Well Matthew Duchene, Haliburton's Hurricane, got his wish this Christmas.

First his Colorado Avs made a trade for Washington's Tomas Fleischman, and then Milan Hejduk returned from injury.

Both ended up on a line with Duchene.

And the Avs, despite a couple of setbacks after a six game unbeaten string, seem to be finding some magic with the MTM connection.

Duchene scored two goals in a 4-3 overtime loss to Detroit, the current NHL Western League leaders.

The pair of goals has Duchene leading the Avs in scoring and is keeping the quick-handed center on a torrid point-per-game pace. The Hurricane has 36 points (15 goals and 21 assists) in 36 games. Hejduk has 11 goals and 21 assists and Fleischman has 9 goals and 12 assists. Duchene is also seeing lots of time on the power play.

The Avs have lost three straight but hope to stop the bleeding tonight (Thursday) versus the Oilers in Edmonton. The Avs play a New Years Eve game against Calgary and then return to the Pepsi Centre for a crucial Northwest Division

game against the Sundin travelling road show also known as the Vancouver Canucks.

Duchene earned Avalanche Play of the Week honors for the third time in four weeks, this time for his overtime heroics against the Ottawa Senators on Dec. 17.

Duchene's overtime winner against Ottawa – garnering a boffo 58 percent - topped the fan balloting for goal of the week.

Meanwhile, I sense some Haliburton Highlands input while perusing the NHLs list of All-Star balloting.

Duchene is a write-in candidate and has 14,492 votes. I have no idea about the rules, but I'm thinking that fans would have to get very busy on the net in order to pump Dutchy's numbers to Sidney Crosby, (523,822), Jonathan Toews (308,192), Evgeni Malkin (289,878) or Steven Stamkos (269,917) numbers.

Maybe next year.

Hodgson timetable still way up in the clouds

In spite of a facial injury that keeps the high-flying Haliburton cottager grounded, Cody Hodgson is still the top goal getter for the AHLs Manitoba Moose.

Hodgson has 10 goals and six assists in 24 games this season, and the team is anticipating a return to action without surgery on the orbital bone, but that return to the dance is still being monitored.

It's frustrating for Winnipeg fans who have been watching young guns "drop like flies" according to Winnipeg Free

Press writer Tim Campbell.

"Teammates can't believe their bad luck. Fans will no doubt be feeling shortchanged. The Vancouver Canucks will be more than disappointed about more interruptions to the development of young prospects.

Young Manitoba Moose stars Cody Hodgson and Jordan Schroeder are likely lost to the team for six weeks, give or take."

So not an ideal Christmas for young Hodgson. Still anticipating a call-up to the Canucks this year. Maybe the playoffs?

Hot Stove and Stanley Cup here for Winterfest in February Hockey Night in Haliburton Star-studded Panel Announced on the Winterfest 2011 senior games website.

The Winterfest 2011 Games Organizing Committee announces last week that Haliburton Hockey legends will be partaking in an open-panel discussion at the Northern Lights Theatre on Wednesday February 16th, 2011.

Confirmed hockey legends include Scotty Morrison, Walt McKechnie, Glen Sharpley and many more still to be announced.

Also present that evening will be the Stanley Cup as well as a "very special guest" who is arguably the face of Canadian hockey.

I'm guessing Don Cherry, but stay tuned.

The Gav will sniff it out by next week.

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Above: Jake Walker tries to deke around a junior player as he goes for the point. Right: Jesse Lefebvre finds big air as he reaches over two other players to tip the ball toward the net.

## Young guns beat the old dudes in a sneaker squeaker

By Terrance Gavan

We know the score. But we hid the scoresheet.

Yes the annual All-Hawks-Hoops-Alumni Game played out to a familiar theme in the Hawks Nest last Thursday afternoon.

The young runs beat the old guns 49-41 in the final Red Hawk game of any kind in 2009.

The Alumni came strong but in the end it may have been a case of too much run and not enough defibrillator on the old alums bench.

"I honestly couldn't tell you who scored what," said current Hal High coach Roland Zilla, who sweated it out through a first half played to a dead stall.

In the end the young Hawks just managed to scurry by in a game earmarked by some stellar play from both sides. And that's just the way an alumni encounter should go. Lay down the egos at the gym door. Set the personal stats aside. And come to play like they do at the famous Rucker's courts in New Yahk; where legends come to fly and sometimes crash and die.

At Rucker's they play "no coma, no foul."

A more subtle genre of Naismith's grand scheme delivered at the Hawks Nest last week.

The game edited to perfection by referees, Derek (Coach) Little and the official legend from the Ottawa Valley, Blowhard Terrance Gavan. Little and Gavan hammered both teams in the first half and let 'em run wild in the second. (Officiating 101)

And run both teams did. When it seemed that Adam van Nood and Jesse Frybort were going to control the alums patient inside outside half court offense, coach Zilla was forced to go to the full court quicksand. A canny but unpopular move.

Let's just say that the Alums, coached by Red Hawk assistant Walter Tose were looking for relief. How do tired alums spell R-E-L-I-E-F? H-E-Y! W-A-L-T! H-EL-P!

Thankfully there were enough alumni on the bench and coach Tose fired line changes like Ron Wilson on Red Bull. At least Walt had talent to throw on the floor; unlike the hapless Leafs' coach.

And yes you know you live in a small town when the Alumni game brings not one, not two, but three familial clashes.

We saw Canadian Junior curling champion Jake Walker drive down the lane against brother Jesse. Big Graeme Lloyd class of 08 pushed around younger brother Austin and Matt Smith returned to say howdy-do to brother Denver.

"One brother was guarding another at points in the game," says Zilla. Brotherly love like ego was left at the gym door. All for the love of the game - of course.

Zilla said that all of the alums came prepared to play hard.

"Adam van Nood looked really good, he's filled out and harder to stop this year and I thought he was a real strength for the alums," says Zilla. "They had a lot of team spirit they were helped by the coach, who knew all our plays of course. The coach subbed regularly, made the game better and made us work harder."

Meanwhile, back on the Kawartha trail the team will practice next week in preparation for a mini tourney in Bracebridge on Jan 8. When Hal High resumes classes they will pick it up again against 4-1 LCVI (Lindsay Collegiate) at the Hawks' Nest. It's an important contest and the second of the home at home series.

"They beat us by ten in the opener if we can beat them we can challenge for second place... like us they've only lost to IE Weldon in league play," says Zilla. "It's a must win if we want to challenge for second place. If anything we may be more ready than they are."

LCVI is coached by former Hawk coach and Zilla protégé Kevin Ray. That Thursday encounter is a senior-junior double dip.



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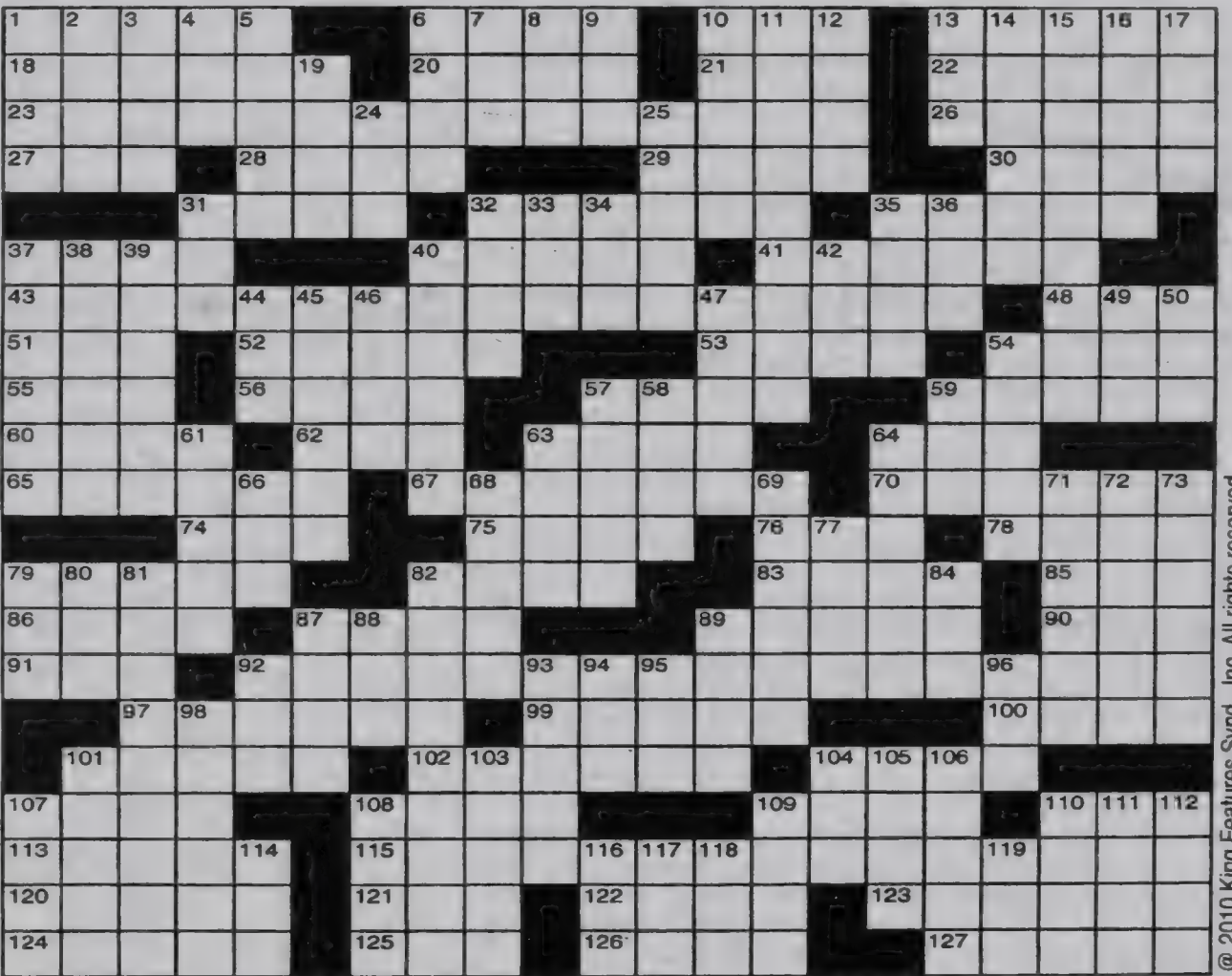
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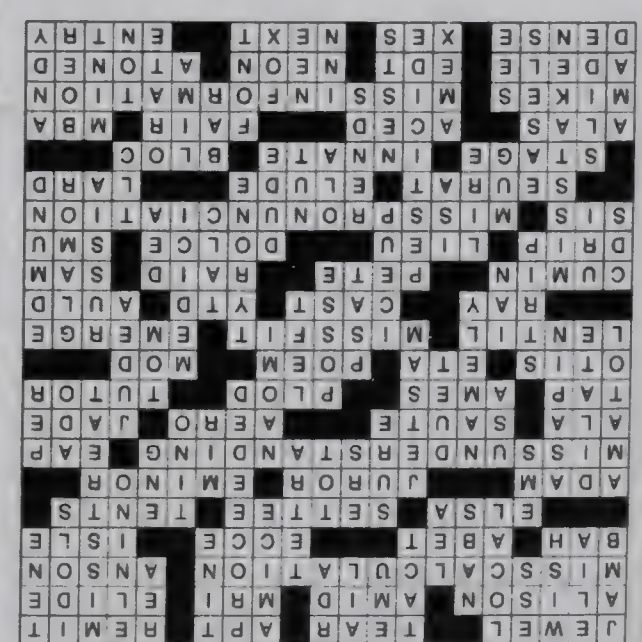


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## Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



### Nearly the Hottest

The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) joined a growing number of international weather organizations estimating that 2010 has been nearly the warmest year since reliable weather records began in 1891. JMA says that the combined land and sea surface temperature this year was 0.65 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than the 1971-2000 average. This makes the year the second-warmest on record. Barely a distant memory to those bracing against a bitter wintertime chill in Europe, 2010 was a year of heat waves, with record temperatures set in 17 countries. But those in Russia still clearly remember the unprecedented month-long heat wave that triggered massive firestorms around and south of Moscow. The World Meteorological Organization says the West African nation of Guinea was the only country in the world to record an all-time low temperature reading in 2010.

### Congo Outbreak

More than 200 people have died from a rare and unusually fatal outbreak of polio in the Republic of Congo, according to UNICEF. The United Nations children's agency says that the outbreak is unusual because most of those affected have been young adults, rather than the disease's usual victims, who are children under the age of 5. Normally, about 10 percent of people paralyzed by polio die when their breathing muscles stop working. But a UNICEF spokesman says that about 42 percent of the recent cases in the Republic of Congo have been fatal. "Polio is an absolutely red-hot traveling virus, which will affect a lot of people if immunization rates are not good," said Martin Dawes. "The fact we have this virus means there was a hole in the immunization rates in the past."

### Bitter Contrast

A December of bitter chill and paralyzing snow across the U.K. and other areas of Northern Europe has left many questioning how preliminary studies could show that 2010 may have been nearly the warmest year on record. But analysis of climate records indicates that the nearly unprecedented warmth, when averaged globally, has actually shifted weather patterns at high latitudes, bringing an Arctic chill to Europe and the eastern United States. While this concept may seem counterintuitive, the last two months of below-normal temperatures in Europe have been sandwiched between the near-record late autumn warmth of northern Canada/Greenland and a broad stretch of central Asia and Siberia. This has locked the jet stream away from a pattern that normally brings Europe mild air from the mid-Atlantic. NASA says that, similar to last winter, a blocking weather pattern "allowed cold air from the Arctic to penetrate all the way into Europe, eastern China, and Washington, D.C."

### Java Ash Cloud

Flights between Australia and the Indonesian resort of Bali were canceled due to ash from Java's Mount Bromo drifting into the flight path, according to aviation officials. Pacific Blue grounded two flights between Perth and Denpasar due to safety concerns.

### Tropical Cyclone

An area of disturbed weather in the central Pacific between Johnson Island and Midway formed into Tropical Storm Omeka. Its poorly defined center of circulation briefly produced minimal tropical storm winds of about 45 to 50 mph.

### Earthquakes

At least seven people were killed and hundreds of others were left injured by a powerful 6.5 magnitude temblor in southeastern Iran. Around 40 villages sustained damage.

- Residents of Japan's remote Bonin Islands rushed to higher ground after a 7.4 magnitude offshore quake threatened to generate a tsunami. No damage or sea changes were reported.

- Earth movements were also felt in central Ethiopia, northwest Sumatra, Indonesia's Sulawesi Island, the southern Philippines, New Zealand's North Island, northwest England and interior parts of the San Francisco Bay Area.

### Sonic Desires

The resounding booms of Israeli air force pilots breaking the sound barrier over the occupied Golan Heights are awakening the mating instincts of crocodiles in the depth of the animals' usual hibernation period, nearly six months earlier than normal. The Hebrew-language *Maariv* daily reports that each time warplanes break the sound barrier over a crocodile-breeding farm, the randy male reptiles start squealing for love, apparently believing the booms are the mating signals of competing males. "The powerful squealing noises, reminiscent of the sound of a car braking, can be heard from hundreds of meters (yards) around," crocodile handler David Golan at the Hamat Gader park told the paper. He says that the reptiles have begun mating rituals out of their usual summertime breeding season ever since the Israeli Defense Forces' air operations began. But Golan says the crocs' unseasonable desire for love goes unrequited, with females ignoring the cries of passion.

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## Horoscopes

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what's new and challenging

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a long-time, trusted confidante that you appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments and then move on.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you're not ready to make.

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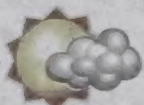
## THURSDAY



Partly to mostly sunny

▲ 3° ▼ -3°

## FRIDAY



Partly cloudy

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## SATURDAY



Mostly cloudy, chance of showers

▲ 6° ▼ -7°

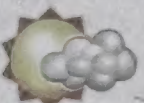
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Showers likely, changing to snow late

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## MONDAY



Partly cloudy, chance of flurries

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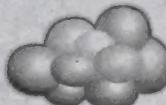
## TUESDAY



Partly cloudy, chance of flurries

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## WEDNESDAY



Isolated snow showers possible

▲ -2° ▼ -8°

## Lotto Numbers

Your unofficial lotto numbers

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25-Dec-2010

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24-Dec-2010

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## FINDERS KEEPERS Christmas year-end sale!

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Mondays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **PLEASE NOTE:**

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We apologize for any inconvenience!

Finders Keepers, 3122 County Road 21, Minden,

near Robertson Road. Sale continues until Jan. 9!

For appointment shopping, please call 705-286-2929.

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is celebrating 40 years with Skate Canada in 2011!

**Were you a member of our club  
in the past 40 years?**

Do you have a great story, picture or other memory?

Would you like to participate in our Carnival

celebrating our last 40 years on March 28<sup>th</sup>?

**We want to hear from you!**

Registration for the second half of the season is

January 10 & 12 from 4 – 6pm at the SG Nesbitt Arena.

For more information contact Nikki at 286-2649.

## Coming Events

### INDOOR FLEA MARKET

DATE: Saturday, January 15, 2011

TIME: 9am to 3pm

LOCATION: Hal. Royal Canadian Legion

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### Minden District Fur Harvesters Workshop

Jan. 9, 2011

9am - 4pm

at

**Minden Arena  
upstairs**

Demonstrations of fur skinning and  
judging will occur in the afternoon.

Trapping supplies will be available to  
purchase.

Ron Post will be here for his first ever  
visit. He will be selling his vast quantity  
of quality knives and will also be  
sharpening knives during the day.

We will be collecting donations of non  
perishable food items to support the  
Minden and District Food Bank.

The Minden District Fur Harvesters  
wishes everyone a Happy New Year!

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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## Step It Fitness

Winter Session

Pilates begins

Jan. 10 @ 4:50 p.m.

Monday and Wednesday

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## Obituary

### MARION BARRY

(Resident of West Guilford)

Peacefully at Extendicare - Haliburton on Tuesday  
afternoon, December 21, 2010 in her 82nd year. Dear wife of  
Lloyd Barry for over 61 years. Loving mother of Lyndell  
(Allan Cox), Kevin (Linda), Jeffrey (Cathy), Jenny (Kevin  
Pascoe). Lovingly remembered by her many grandchildren  
and her great grandchildren. Dear sister of Nila Cowan, Lee  
Henderson, Lynn Henderson. Predeceased by her son Larry and her sister Doris Welch,  
and by her infant sister Laurel. Also lovingly remembered by her daughter-in-law Avril.

### Visitation and Memorial Service

Friends called at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy.  
#118, Haliburton, Ontario on Tuesday afternoon, December 28, 2010 from 1 o'clock until  
time of Memorial Service at 2 o'clock in the Chapel. Interment St. Peters Anglican Church  
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**FOR RENT** - 900 square ft. commercial space available January 1<sup>st</sup> Main

## For Rent

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## Thank You

**THANK YOU** - My sincere thanks to my family, relatives and friends for all the cards, phone calls gifts and visits while I was in the hospital. I am hopeful to see you all as soon as I get fully recovered. Eleanor Young. (Dec 30)

## Announcements

**ANNOUNCEMENT** - I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! From Semone. P.S. "Read Bible" (Dec 30)

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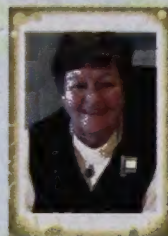
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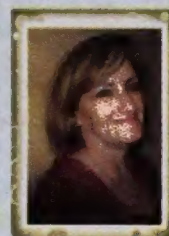
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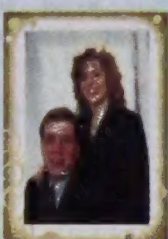
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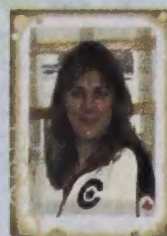
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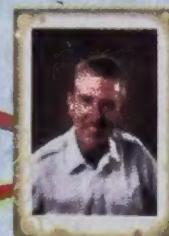
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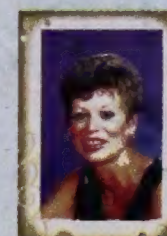
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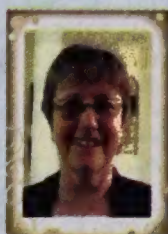
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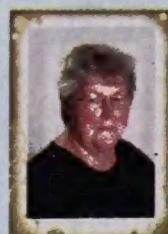
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